

**REMARKS**

Favorable consideration is respectfully requested in light of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 1-13 and 15-17 were withdrawn in the Response to Restriction Requirement filed November 5, 2007 as non-elected subject matter.

Withdrawn Claim 8 is amended to correct an informality.

Claim 14 is amended to recite limitations of claim 1, from which it formerly depended.

Claims 18-29 are newly added. Support for these claims can be found in claims 2-13 as filed.

Claims 14 and 18-29 are readable on the elected species (species xi (Plasmid)).

No new matter has been added.

Favorable consideration on the merits is now requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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